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SUBJECT: Nassau H1N1 SITREP Update 1: Potential Cases Emerge

REF: NASSAU 277

¶1. (U) According to press reports, medical authorities "reported swine flu-like symptoms" in a New Providence resident recently returned from Mexico. Minister of Health (MoH) Hubert Minnis announced that the unidentified individual is under surveillance and has elected to go into voluntary quarantine while authorities confirm the illness.

Eight Bahamian Students "Trapped" in Mexico;
Soccer Team Quarantined in New Providence

¶2. (U) Eight Bahamian students studying at the University of Montemorelos have been quarantined along with the general student body within the University campus. Montemorelos is a two-hour drive from location where the swine flu virus originated. Press reports indicate that the students are not ill with the virus and will likely be quarantined upon return to Nassau.

¶3. (U) A 12-member soccer team and two coaches went into voluntary quarantine April 29 after attending a tournament in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. They will remain in quarantine until the incubation period of the virus has passed. None are thought to be ill at this time.

Post Holds EAC; Hosting Brown Bag on Flu

¶4. (U) The EAC convened April 29 to review and approve influenza pandemic tripwires and corresponding actions. The EAC approved the new language unanimously. Post is updating the Crisis and Emergency Planning Application (CEPA) and will host a Brown Bag for all Mission staff on the H1N1 virus to disseminate information and discuss preventative measures.

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